

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY,

Plaintiff,

v.

GURBIR GREWAL, in his official capacity as Attorney General of New Jersey, **ERIC H. JASO**, in his official capacity as Chairperson of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, **STEPHEN M. HOLDEN**, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, and **MARGUERITE T. SIMON**, in her official capacity as Commissioner of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 3:19-cv-14228

ECF Case

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DECLARATION OF KEITH H. FORST

I, Keith H. Forst, declare as follows:

1. I am a partner of the law firm of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, attorneys for Americans for Prosperity (“AFP” or “Plaintiff”) in the above-captioned matter.

2. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion For a Preliminary Injunction, and to transmit to the Court true and correct copies, to the best of my knowledge, of the documents described below and annexed hereto.

3. Unless otherwise specified, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration, and, if called upon as a witness, I could and would testify to such facts under oath. I am familiar with the matters set forth in this declaration based on my personal knowledge and/or a review of the files in the possession of my firm.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the trial testimony of Christopher Fink in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.), dated February 23, 2016.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the trial testimony of Mark Holden in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.), dated February 23, 2016

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the deposition of Tim Phillips in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.), dated December 22, 2015.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of an email from Tracy Henke dated March 7, 2011, submitted as trial exhibit TX347 in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.).

8. Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of an email from Tracy Henke dated August 22, 2011, submitted as trial exhibit TX306 in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.).

9. Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the trial testimony of Lucas Hilgemann in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.), dated February 23, 2016.

10. Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the trial testimony of James Arthur Pope in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.), dated February 24, 2016.

11. Attached hereto as Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of a screenshot of a YouTube video titled “Occupy DC Pushes Grandma Down Stairs,” posted on November 5, 2011, submitted as trial exhibit TX684 in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.).

12. Attached hereto as Exhibit 9 is a true and correct copy of a screenshot of a YouTube video titled “Tea party Zombies Must Die game is Propaganda!” posted on September 7, 2011, submitted as trial exhibit TX378 in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.).

13. Attached hereto as Exhibit 10 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the deposition of Christopher Fink in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.), dated November 13, 2015.

14. Attached hereto as Exhibit 11 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the trial testimony of Teresa Oelke in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.), dated February 23, 2016.

15. Attached hereto as Exhibit 12 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the trial testimony of Paul Schervish in *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Harris*, Case No. 14 Civ. 09448 (C.D. Cal.), dated February 25, 2016.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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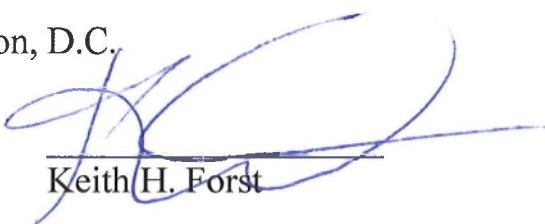
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Exhibit 1

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1 Being Program. We have been working with inner-city
2 communities, trying to get people to understand that there are
3 free-market solutions that could help better their lives. And
4 then a lot of times it's big government that's part of the
5 problem in the first place.

6 And there was some politically charged articles about
7 that. They weren't very happy with our efforts, and
8 essentially accused Americans for Prosperity of trying to win
9 the minority vote. So one, it was foundation events that
10 doesn't do any political activity, but again, the articles just
11 mix and match Americans for Prosperity and the foundation. If
12 you look at some of the protests and the chants at our events,
13 they don't necessarily recognize it's a foundation event, where
14 Americans for Prosperity, they generally just refer to us as
15 Americans for Prosperity.

16 Q Now, Mr. Fink, in your time at the foundation, have you
17 ever encountered efforts from individuals or entities outside
18 of the foundation to identify perceived supporters of the
19 foundation that would otherwise be anonymous?

20 A Absolutely. I mean, just going back in the time order of
21 my mind, just earlier this year at an event in California we
22 had people outside of the event, outside of the resort with
23 cameras essentially trying to take pictures of individuals and
24 license plates to try to identify perceived supporters leaving
25 the events.

1 We have had people bring audio-recording devices into
2 different events to record talks or speeches, trying to get
3 access to donors' names. We have people scouring our events.
4 When we are trying to raise money we generally try to -- we
5 actually try to buy out the hotel in a lot of places or buy out
6 the area where this is happening, but we have had situations
7 where people have scoured our conference rooms and found
8 documents.

9 We have had attacks on our databases from outside groups.
10 We had an attack from a group called Anonymous that tried to
11 get access to our database and discovered in that way.

12 Q And just -- we have had some testimony about Anonymous and
13 what hactivists tried to do. Mr. Fink, just for clarity of the
14 record, what are you referring to when you talk about trying to
15 access the database? What is your understanding around that?

16 A So my understanding from our security team was that they
17 were able to shut our website down for a number of hours, but
18 that they also tried to gain access to our database and were
19 unsuccessful.

20 Q And what would be inside that database?

21 A The lists of our donors and contributions and their
22 contact information and details about the relationship between
23 them and the foundation and Americans for Prosperity.

24 Q Any other efforts to penetrate foundation or AFP events or
25 the events of related entities in order to identify people who

1 are there or what was said or what occurred at those events?

2 A Yeah. You asked about the interests, I mean, so part of
3 the interest, too, is we have seen from the President of the
4 United States going around the country asking about who are our
5 donors and essentially calling out, "We don't know who the
6 supporters for Americans for Prosperity are." You also saw
7 Harry Reid on the senate floor doing very similar things in
8 terms of our events. We have had to do pretty crazy things to
9 try to prevent it.

10 One situation when we are outside, we have actually got
11 white noise machines surrounding our outside areas. We have
12 had people trying to listen in from listening devices from a
13 distance to gain access to our supporters there as well.

14 Q And if I could ask you to turn to what's I believe already
15 been admitted into evidence, Exhibit 503. Should be the first
16 one in the binder in front of you.

17 A Okay.

18 Q Mr. Fink, do you recognize this article?

19 A I do.

20 Q Is it correct, it is an article that appeared in Mother
21 Jones in February of 2013?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q And please, if you could summarize for the Court, what
24 your understanding is of what the article's reporting.

25 A Yeah. The article is reporting on a document that was

1 discovered after one of our events that listed information
2 about our perceived donors and staff at Americans for
3 Prosperity Foundation, Americans for Prosperity, Freedom
4 Partners and some other like-minded organizations.

5 Q Were you able to ascertain how Mother Jones obtained the
6 materials in question?

7 A Yeah. I believe they actually state they found the
8 document in the conference room or one of the conference rooms
9 at the resort.

10 Q And I would ask you, please, to turn to what's also been
11 admitted into evidence as Exhibit 59.

12 A Okay.

13 Q Have you seen this document before?

14 A I have.

15 Q Could you please tell us what this document is.

16 A Yes, this was a meeting schedule for the Palm Springs
17 event.

18 Q And do you appear anywhere in this document?

19 A I do.

20 Q Is that towards the middle of the page?

21 A I see it --

22 THE COURT: Six down.

23 MR. SHAFFER: His Honor is correct.

24 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

25 BY MR. SHAFFER:

1 Q And, Mr. Fink, were you present at this event?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Now, as you look at this list, do you see any individuals
4 who subsequently reported that they suffered negative
5 repercussions as a result of having been associated on this
6 list and in the Mother Jones article?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Is that one or a couple of individuals? How many, sir?

9 A I would say six.

10 Q And what sort of negative repercussions did they report?

11 A We had reports anywhere from their businesses being
12 audited or investigated to articles that were posted in local
13 newspapers, essentially character assassinations for the
14 individuals, calling for boycotts on their businesses, things
15 of that nature.

16 Q What, if anything, did the foundation and AFP and any
17 affiliated entities do in the aftermath of this episode?

18 A So the first thing we did was members of the Freedom
19 Partners fundraising team contacted everyone on this list and
20 let them know their information had been exposed. They let
21 them know we take this very seriously. It is obviously part of
22 our donor pitch that we were going to guard your
23 confidentiality. After that, it was mainly working with the
24 supporters, alleviate the best we could the risks or future
25 risks.

1 Q And how do you do that?

2 A I mean, essentially you can tell them about more
3 precautions you are going to take to help better safeguard. So
4 if, for example, we used to have recording devices or cell
5 phones in our conference rooms, now we make all our prospects
6 and supporters and staff check their cell phones at the door
7 prior to going in. So we have actual checking stations for
8 phones.

9 We generally don't have any printed copies. If there are
10 any scheduling, the scheduling is done on an individual basis
11 so that information is much smaller kept, but generally you
12 won't find any more printed materials floating around our
13 events.

14 We can also talk about security with databases and that
15 sort of thing. Essentially we try to assure them that
16 obviously this is unfortunate, there is nothing we can do to
17 undo the harm that's already occurred, but we can try to
18 prevent in the future.

19 Q Talking about donors and your pitches to donors, at your
20 time at the foundation how many donors or potential donors
21 would you estimated you interacted with personally one on one?

22 A Hundreds and hundreds of them.

23 Q And give us a sense, please, of what your initial
24 interaction with a potential donor would consist of.

25 A Sure. So generally when I meet with a prospect, the first

1 five or ten minutes are spent on pleasantries, just getting to
2 know the person. After that I generally ask them questions
3 about their business, about their philanthropy giving, where
4 else they support, what are their goals, what are they trying
5 to accomplish with their giving, just trying to get a better
6 feel for what they are trying to accomplish with their donor
7 dollars.

8 After that I then try to tailor my pitch for Americans for
9 Prosperity and Americans for Prosperity Foundation to match up
10 with the goals they are trying to accomplish to the extent they
11 do match up.

12 After I give the pitch or the presentation, I then
13 generally ask if they have any questions, concerns, you have
14 comments. My basic goal is to make sure if there are any
15 objections or any concerns, that we alleviate that before I ask
16 them to go partner with us. So hopefully I overcome any
17 objections or alleviate any concerns. I then ask them to
18 consider partnering with us at a significant level.

19 Q When it comes to you soliciting any questions or concerns
20 from prospective donors, is there one that occurs more
21 frequently than any other?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And what is that, sir?

24 MR. CALIA: Objection; hearsay.

25 THE COURT: The objection is overruled. Not for the

1 truth of it, but what he heard.

2 THE WITNESS: So generally, the number one concern
3 is about being disclosed, about their information or their
4 identity, in connection with Americans for Prosperity, the
5 information being exposed.

6 BY MR. SHAFFER:

7 Q What are they conveying to you about why they fear
8 disclosure?

9 A You know, it's different, circumstances are different.
10 There's a few common themes. Generally it's they are afraid to
11 have their information in the hands of state government or a
12 federal government or in the hands of the public.

13 So I will give you an example on the state side. I have
14 met with some business owners or small business owners, many
15 who have said that they contribute to both Republicans and
16 Democrats equally, and they try to keep their head down. They
17 are afraid if they are associated with our foundation or
18 Americans for Prosperity, their businesses would be targeted or
19 audited from the state government.

20 We also have people that are concerned about the federal
21 government, especially with the IRS, recent leaks or scandals
22 that happened there, that has come up more and more. And then
23 also people are concerned about their information getting out
24 in the public, that they are supporters for Americans for
25 Prosperity and Americans for Prosperity Foundation as well.

1 Q Why do they indicate they fear their information becoming
2 public?

3 MR. CALIA: Objection; hearsay. This is a statement
4 of belief by the declarant.

5 THE COURT: The objection is overruled.

6 THE WITNESS: So I think they believe and they have
7 seen other perceived reporters be attacked. They have seen
8 what happened to Charles and David Koch. They have seen what
9 happened to other supporters, the threats on their life and
10 safety, and they just don't want that for their family or their
11 business.

12 BY MR. SHAFFER:

13 Q Would you say you have been hearing more or less of this
14 concern, the concern of governmental or public disclosure, in
15 recent years?

16 A More.

17 Q Is there a particular point in time when you noticed the
18 concerns spiking?

19 A Yes. I think the IRS scandal was a big uptake at that
20 point. They also -- I remember when the CEO of Mozilla Firefox
21 was forced to resign after it became clear or the information
22 was leaked that he had made a contribution towards an issue he
23 cared about but that was unpopular in the state of California.

24 But I think as the political runner has gotten louder and
25 louder, people have become more and more sensitive to that and

1 more and more concerned about being identified as a supporter
2 of our foundation or Americans for Prosperity.

3 Q When actual or potential donors expressed to you their
4 concerns about potential disclosure, how do you respond?

5 A I mean, I generally respond by explaining all the
6 different measures we take to protect their identity. I talk
7 about, you know, our database and how we keep that information
8 confidential. I talk about how we don't share our donor
9 information with anyone that we are not legally obligated to.

10 And so generally I walk through some of those measures
11 depending on how much level of detail they want to get into. I
12 try to read a little bit of their body language, if I am at all
13 easing their discomfort.

14 And after I kind of walk through our security measures, I
15 also try to give them a little bit of a rah-rah speech. This
16 is obviously critical, and there is a reason we are being
17 targeted, and it's because we are effective, and I try to get
18 them a little bit inspired to help them overcome that anxiety
19 or fear as well.

20 Q Does that rah-rah speech always work?

21 A No.

22 Q Now, you mentioned what you do to protect your database.
23 Could you explain what, if anything, the foundation or AFP does
24 in order to protect the database that would contain donor
25 information?

1 A Sure. So we've moved to a database called Sales Force,
2 and part of the reason we moved to Sales Force is it allows you
3 to have different levels of security so essentially people can
4 have different levels of access. And what we've done from the
5 database side, we have about 750 staff, and we have limited
6 access to our supporters to roughly 20, mainly on the
7 development team.

8 And then in other cases where people need access, what we
9 are able to do is only give them access to certain components
10 of the database. So, for example, I believe there's only one
11 state director out of our 35 states that has access to Sales
12 Force, and they only have access because they are very much
13 involved in the donation process and raising money, and they
14 have access to their particular supporters in their state. So
15 if anything were to happen, they couldn't get access or
16 potentially leak other documents. We also tend to not present
17 or share those lists.

18 Q Do you tend to have in your possession a list of the
19 foundation or AFP's major donors?

20 A No.

21 Q I think you said that there are 20 people who have access
22 to the Sales Force database. That's 20 out of how many
23 full-time employees of the foundation and AFP?

24 A We have roughly 735 to 750 employees.

25 Q I'm sorry to switch gears back, but when you talk about

1 donors' concerns and what they indicate to you about their fear
2 of what government officials might do in particular, are there
3 any particular government officials at the state level whom
4 donors expressed concerns about?

5 MR. CALIA: Objection; hearsay.

6 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.

7 BY MR. SHAFFER:

8 Q And have you had any communications with actual or
9 potential donors about this lawsuit and the issues it raises?

10 A I have had some, yes.

11 Q And what do those communications tend to consist of?

12 A Mostly it was at a donor prospect conference earlier this
13 year where people were aware of the case. They were asking how
14 it was going. They were concerned about the repercussions of
15 this case, wanted to know what my thoughts were.

16 Q Can I ask you, please, to turn further in the binder, just
17 for identification purposes, I would mark Exhibit 335.

18 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: 335 is identified and placed
19 before the witness.

20 (Exhibit 335 for identification.)

21 THE WITNESS: Okay. Got it.

22 BY MR. SHAFFER:

23 Q Do you see at the top there is an e-mail from Robert
24 Heaton to Clay Gordon, dated July 15th, 2015?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Who is Robert Heaton?

2 A Robert Heaton is our CFO.

3 Q And to whom -- do you interact with Mr. Heaton?

4 A Yes. Mr. Heaton reports to me.

5 Q And do you understand what Mr. Heaton was reporting in
6 this particular e-mail thread?

7 A Yes.

8 Q What was -- what's your summary of that, please?

9 A Yeah, so Clay's one of our -- Clay Gordon, who the e-mail
10 is from, is one of our junior fundraisers, was asking Robert
11 Heaton on behalf of a donor essentially how they could avoid
12 being disclosed to the IRS or what those levels were they could
13 give under that would not put them on our 990s, Schedule Bs.

14 Q Did you have an understanding as to why that donor wanted
15 to avoid being on the Schedule B?

16 A I mean, yeah, based on the e-mail and based on the
17 conversations, they were worried about being targeted.

18 MR. SHAFFER: Your Honor, we would respectfully move
19 into evidence Exhibit 335.

20 MR. CALIA: We have no objection.

21 THE COURT: 335 in evidence.

22 (Exhibit 335 received.)

23 BY MR. SHAFFER:

24 Q Can you tell us, please, Mr. Fink, what exactly, as COO,
25 is your involvement with the security issues? I think you

1 indicated you have responsibility for security. Could you just
2 explain what that is?

3 A Sure. Currently our security team works for Freedom
4 Partners. They report up through my chief operating officer.
5 And generally, it just depends. So before major donor events,
6 I sit down with the security team. They brief me on the
7 perceived threats. They walk through past threats and what
8 steps we're taking to alleviate that.

9 They will go through permits and let us know about
10 potential protests or what they believe to be potential
11 significant risks in those different areas. They also alert us
12 on a fairly regular basis to threats that they deem more likely
13 to be followed through on in terms of threats on the office,
14 threats on our staff, threats on our supporters, et cetera.

15 Q And what sorts of measures does the foundation take when
16 it comes to security?

17 A We take every measure possible. So, for example, we've
18 got the elevators in our office building at the national office
19 have key cards, so you can't get up the elevator to our office
20 floor without key cards. The doors all have the same key cards
21 that are there. At our donor events we typically try to buy
22 out the entire hotels. We have security staff that's spread
23 out across the whole grounds of the resorts, generally to try
24 to protect our people. You know, we try to do what we can to
25 keep our people safe.

1 Q What types of threats have you encountered over your --
2 over the course of your time at AFP and Americans for
3 Prosperity Foundation?

4 A Sure. A lot. We have had things -- we have had a bomb
5 threat -- we have had a bomb threat at the national office. We
6 have had fire-bombing at one of our state offices. We have had
7 numerous threats via social media, e-mail, phone-in threats.

8 We have had someone who worked for an IT consultant who
9 our security team identified as being a potential threat on
10 social media or stating aggressive behavior about the
11 foundation, and then they located -- or they found out where he
12 was located. He was actually located in our office. We have
13 since moved to internal IT capabilities, not outside sources.

14 We have had employees threatened. We have had stalkings.
15 We have had violent protests at our events. We have had
16 employees' tires slashed. At one point I remember we had feces
17 sent in by mail to our office. So yeah, quite a bit.

18 Q Do you mean that to be an exhaustive list what you just
19 recited?

20 A No. Those are just things off the top of my head.

21 Q Do you or your security team maintain a record of the
22 threats that the foundation receives?

23 A Yes, the security team does.

24 Q And are those conveyed to you in some way?

25 A Just generally I'm given reports or updates on what the

1 current status is or significant threats that are facing the
2 organization.

3 Q May I ask you, please, to turn to what we will mark for
4 identification purposes as Exhibit 306.

5 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Exhibit 306 is identified and
6 placed before the witness.

7 (Exhibit 306 for identification.)

8 THE WITNESS: Okay.

9 BY MR. SHAFFER:

10 Q Mr. Fink, do you see an e-mail here from Tracy Henke sent
11 on 8/22/2011?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Who is Ms. Henke?

14 A She was our former chief operating officer.

15 Q And do you know what Ms. Henke was reporting in this
16 e-mail?

17 A Yes. She was reporting on a bomb threat that was called
18 in to our office in Arlington.

19 MR. SHAFFER: Your Honor, we would respectfully ask
20 to move Exhibit 306 into evidence.

21 MR. CALIA: No objection.

22 THE COURT: 306 in evidence.

23 (Exhibit 306 received.)

24 BY MR. SHAFFER:

25 Q Would you please turn, Mr. Fink, to what we will mark for

1 identification purposes as Exhibit 318.

2 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: 318 is identified and placed
3 before the witness.

4 (Exhibit 318 for identification.)

5 BY MR. SHAFFER:

6 Q Do you see in front of you, Mr. Fink, this exhibit which
7 reflects an e-mail from Eric Bott, dated June 25th, 2015?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Can you tell us, please -- maybe we should adjust the
10 language -- what you recall from this e-mail being reported?

11 A Yes. This was an e-mail back to one of our Wisconsin
12 staff, essentially a threat saying that they would be glad to
13 execute all of you. We will just switch "people" in there for
14 the two words he used.

15 MR. SHAFFER: We would respectfully ask to move into
16 evidence No. 318.

17 MR. CALIA: No objection.

18 THE COURT: 318 in evidence.

19 (Exhibit 318 received.)

20 BY MR. SHAFFER:

21 Q Could you turn, please, for identification purposes to
22 what we will mark as Exhibit Number 314.

23 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: 314 is identified and placed
24 before the witness.

25 (Exhibit 314 for identification.)

Exhibit 2

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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KAMALA HARRIS, in her Official) Volume I
Capacity as Attorney General of the) (Pages 1 - 116)
State of California,)
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1 arrests.

2 So again, it's over the past -- I'd say from 2010 forward,
3 2011 for sure and forward, we have continually tried to improve
4 our security at the seminar to make it a safe environment and
5 an environment where our donors can, you know, relax and have
6 conversations, private conversations. So what we've done is
7 various things like buying out the hotel where the event will
8 be held the night before it starts, because what we've seen
9 over the last couple of years is some people -- again, they
10 have the right to do it. They can get a hotel room for that
11 night before and then overstay the next day, get a late
12 checkout. And we have had them photographing donors as they
13 came in and somewhat harassing them, so we try to avoid that.

14 We also do security sweeps both for any type of dangerous
15 detonated device, bombs or anything like that in our facilities
16 or at the hotel, and we also sweep for bugs. We also require
17 people to turn in their phones before certain presentations so
18 they can't tape or record.

19 We have a lot of different contractors who are hired on as
20 part of the sessions to help with the production, and we
21 require them -- we do background checks, and we require them to
22 sign on disclosure agreements because we have had situations
23 where they have taped the information and given it out to the
24 public as well. So we had situations like that.

25 Q You mentioned threats and other attacks on donors, on AFP.

1 A Well, there have been events where it's gotten, you know,
2 out of hand, and the police were called to restore order back
3 in 2011 at a seminar in Palm Springs, yeah.

4 Q Why don't you give us an example of a threat or an attack
5 on AFP that you are aware of, not a donor, but on AFP.

6 A I guess one that comes to mind would have been 2011 in
7 Wisconsin. That was the time there was a lot of unrest up
8 there over -- the governor was instituting a budget law that
9 was unpopular, and it led to a lot of unrest and protests, and
10 it started to get linked in the media to Americans for
11 Prosperity and then to Koch, Carlos Koch and David Koch.

12 And we had a lot of different things happen at that event.
13 We had people show up at an office of Koch and harass -- a
14 flash mob to harass our employees in Madison, Wisconsin. We
15 had -- it was being stirred up by international unions and
16 other activist groups. And around that time there was an
17 announcement by the activist/hactivist group Anonymous.

18 Q The hactivist?

19 A Activist, and they call it a hactivist because they are
20 computer hackers, the terminology. I have seen Anonymous, that
21 they were going to launch an attack against Koch Industries,
22 and they mentioned AFP and part of why they were doing it and
23 what was going on in Wisconsin. That happened at the end of
24 February 2011.

25 Q And did you report this hactivist attack to the FBI?

1 A Yes. What happened, they issued the press release so we
2 had some advance notice, and we tried to get our ducks in a row
3 at Koch, and AFP tried to do it as well to protect the IT
4 systems. And we reported it. What happened was they tried to
5 attack the Koch Industries website, and this ultimately,
6 because of the information we were able to put together in
7 these attacks, led to the indictment, prosecution and guilty
8 pleas for three individuals for federal cybercrime laws after
9 they tried to shut down our website.

10 They were unsuccessful largely doing that, and they went
11 on the activist/hactivist Anonymous group to attack AFP's
12 website, and they did shut that one down through a distributor
13 denial of service, a DDOS, which I don't quite understand it,
14 but that's what they call it, and it shut down the AFP website.
15 So that was reported to the authorities. And like I mentioned,
16 three people were indicted and ultimately pled guilty.

17 Q Now, can you tell us about any threats or attacks or
18 harassment that you're aware of directed at David and Carlos
19 Koch in connection with their affiliation with AFP?

20 A There have been a lot since 2009 to the present, and it's
21 been across the spectrum. There's been -- you know, whether
22 it's phone calls, we have had phone call death threats right
23 around the time of the Wisconsin event. Someone phoned in a
24 death threat saying they were going to put a bullet in the head
25 of both Charles Koch and David Koch, and we reported that to

1 the FBI. And they investigated it, and it was an individual in
2 Northern California. He was not prosecuted.

3 There have been two other people who have made death
4 threats against Charles and David that have been prosecuted by
5 the authorities after the FBI investigated it. But we have had
6 all kinds of different death threats, really awful, just
7 unhinged things that are said about them and their families.

8 There was a death threat made against one of the
9 grandchildren in an anonymous poem at the end of 2012 that was
10 very unhinged. There's been just several of them. We have had
11 threats of a terroristic attack against our Enid, Oklahoma
12 fertilizer facility. That happened in 2012. It was such a
13 serious matter. The Oklahoma City FBI drove up to Wichita,
14 called me on the phone.

15 THE REPORTER: Hold on. Slow down.

16 THE WITNESS: Sorry, I get going.

17 It was a very serious matter. And the Oklahoma City FBI
18 called me up and said they wanted to come up in person, three
19 of the agents and one of the U.S. attorneys, to discuss it.
20 And they disclosed that as part of an event that was going to
21 happen over President's Day in Wichita called Occupy Koch Town,
22 K-o-c-h Town. There was going to be another anonymous attack,
23 and it was going to be a fire-bombing of our Oklahoma facility.
24 So those are some that come to mind.

25 Q I am just going to direct your attention to Trial Exhibit

1 226, just for identification purposes only.

2 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: 226 is identified and placed
3 before the witness.

4 (Exhibit 226 for identification.)

5 THE WITNESS: I see it.

6 BY MR. BURCK:

7 Q Do you recognize this document?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Can you tell us what it is?

10 A This is a compilation of different threats and negative --
11 where the messages, e-mails, tweets, whatever that was put
12 together by the security team at Koch.

13 Q Security team at Koch?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And you are the general counsel of Koch, and I think you
16 testified that the security group reports to you.

17 A Yeah. The head of that group is Ed McCormick. He is a
18 direct report of mine, and I work with the whole team, yes.

19 Q And did you ask them to put this together?

20 A What we have been -- yes. We wanted to get -- we do
21 random or periodic surveys, different points in time of what,
22 you know, what it looks like out there in the landscape and
23 social media with regard to Koch and any groups that might be
24 tied to us, like AFP, just to see what's going on to try to
25 stay ahead of issues, if we can, and find trends. And to the

Exhibit 3

Tim Phillips
December 22, 2015

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

Case No. 2:14-CV-09448

AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY FOUNDATION, :

Plaintiff, :

vs. :

KAMALA HARRIS, in her official capacity
as attorney general of the State of
California, :

Defendant. :

DEPOSITION UNDER ORAL EXAMINATION OF:

TIM PHILLIPS
December 22, 2015

REPORTED BY: JENNIFER L. WIELAGE, CCR, RPR, CRR

1 TRANSCRIPT of the deposition of the
2 above-named witness, called for Oral Examination in
3 the above-entitled matter, said deposition being
4 taken pursuant to Federal Court Rules, by and before
5 JENNIFER WIELAGE, Certified Shorthand Reporter and
6 Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, License No.
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8 SULLIVAN, LLP, 51 Madison Avenue, 22nd Floor, New
9 Jersey 10010, on Tuesday, December 22, 2015,
10 commencing at 10:00 in the forenoon.

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1 PHILLIPS - BY MS. GORDON
2 A. I think so, yeah.
3 Q. And so -- you think so?
4 A. I think so, yeah.
5 Q. Who do you think that person is?
6 A. It would probably be -- well,
7 I -- I always deal with Vic, and then Vic
8 deals with the security folks, or Luke
9 Hilgemann. I don't deal with our security
10 folks that much.
11 Q. So do you know if threats are
12 tracked?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. And by who?
15 A. That would be a question for Vic.
16 Q. So you know that they're tracked.
17 And would it also be a question for
18 Mr. Bernson whether they're tracked
19 separately for Americans for Prosperity and
20 Americans for Prosperity Foundation?
21 A. That would be a question for Vic,
22 I think.
23 Q. So you mentioned the Anonymous
24 hack or --
25 A. Attempted.

1 PHILLIPS - BY MS. GORDON

2 Q. Attempted hack. So when was
3 that?

4 A. I don't remember the exact date.

5 Q. Do you have a ballpark sense?

6 A. A few years ago, two or three
7 years ago.

8 Q. Two or three years ago?

9 A. I don't remember the exact date.

10 Q. And you said "attempted," so was
11 it not successful?

12 A. If I remember, they were able to
13 impact the operation of our website. I do
14 not think they were able to enter our e-mail
15 system.

16 Q. And when you say "our website,"
17 is that Americans for Prosperity or Americans
18 for Prosperity Foundation?

19 A. I'm not sure which ones they
20 impacted, whether it was both or either-or.

21 Q. And how did -- I mean, actually
22 strike that.

23 When you say they were able to
24 impact the operation of one or both websites,
25 what does that mean "impact"? What did they

1 PHILLIPS - BY MS. GORDON

2 do?

3 A. If I remember correctly, it -- we
4 had -- they froze up. I don't think they
5 were able to insert like awful language or
6 anything like that. I think they were able
7 to impact, you know, the actual operation, if
8 I remember correctly.

9 But that's probably a better
10 question for Vic and the lawyers as to what
11 exactly happened.

12 Q. Do you remember what Americans
13 for Prosperity or the foundation's response
14 was to this hack or attempted hack?

15 MR. FORST: Objection;
16 objection; vague and ambiguous as to
17 response.

18 You can answer.

19 Calls for speculation.

20 A. We tried to fix it, and we tried
21 to strengthen security over time to make sure
22 that our proprietary information was
23 protected.

24 Q. Was it your sense that Anonymous
25 was actually able to gain some of your

Exhibit 4

From: Tracy Henke
 Sent: Mon 03/07/2011 5:34 PM (GMT-00:00)
 To: !AIIAFP
 Cc:
 Bcc:
 Subject: IT Changes effective tomorrow morning
 Attachments: security_findings_final.doc

TX NO. 347

Case No. 2:14-CV-09448
Americans for Prosperity Foundation
v.
Kamala Harris

Date I'D: _____ Date Adm: _____

All:

As a result of the February 28th attack on our system, a working group was convened to recommend some immediate first steps that need to be taken to better protect our IT security. The working group has made policy recommendations that are included in the attached memo and implementation will start tomorrow.

The working group included the following individuals:

Nansen Malin, Washington State Director

Jeff Crank, Colorado State Director

Teresa Oelke, Arkansas State Director

Rich Myslinski, Senior Online Strategy Manager

Heather de la Riva, Director of Human Resources

Erik Telford, Director of Online Strategy

Please review the attached recommendations and call either FedSolutions, Rich, or another member of the working group for assistance. Your ability to access email will be impacted, so please make certain you read the attached documents because changes will go into place tomorrow, Tuesday, morning. Also, if you have ideas or recommendations on other issues related to IT security, please share those ideas with members of the working group.

I cannot stress enough how important data security is for this organization and for individuals. As we continue to move our mission forward, we will be under more attacks. The attached policy is just a first step as we undertake a more comprehensive review and work to deploy best business practices...and maybe set the standard on what those practices should be.

Thanks to Nansen, Jeff, Teresa, Rich, Heather, and Erik for their quick analysis and recommendations. Thanks in advance to everyone for your patience and cooperation on this policy and transition to implementation.

Tracy

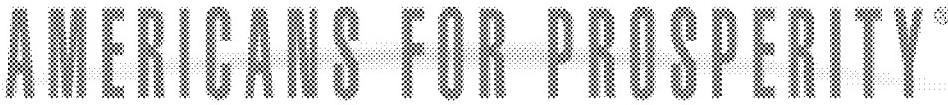
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Tracy A. Henke

Chief Operating Officer

Americans for Prosperity

TX347-0002



MEMORANDUM

TO: Tracy Henke, COO
FROM: IT Security Working Group
DATE: March 4, 2011
SUBJECT: POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AFP/AFFP IT SECURITY

At your request, an IT Security Working Group was convened to examine and recommend policies to improve the IT security of AFP/AFFP given recent events. The group sought council from a number of sources on the best practices that could be implemented, as well as a number of well-published studies relating to issues at hand.

BACKGROUND ON THE ATTACKS

On Sunday, February 28, 2011, starting at approximately 8 p.m., the Americans for Prosperity website was the target of an attack by a group of hackers known as Anonymous. The group pulled together a tremendous amount of resources to launch a Distributed Denial of Service attack (known as DDOS) to try to flood the AFP cloud with requests to shutdown the website. The site was only down for approximately two hours.

Additionally, the group attempted a number of hacking techniques to access the website database (which contains user and password information), and to take control of the servers so they could deface the AFP website. These attempts were not successful.

We know this threat is not going away any time soon. These forces are organized, committed for the long-term, and out to hurt AFP by obtaining sensitive data and disseminating it for public consumption. Anonymous is extremely capable of damaging AFP; when a security organization used by the FBI tried to go after them, their corporate emails were dumped online, their CEO's social profiles were hijacked and his personal information revealed online, and the company was forced to have severe layoffs due to fallout.

Given this threat, it's imperative that the organization adopts the IT best business practices outlined in this document. In addition, we recommend continued monitoring and vigilance to ensure the integrity of our IT Systems.

CHANGES TO EMAIL PASSWORDS

Starting on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, employees will have 24 hours to change the password to access their email address. Employees who do not change their email passwords within that time frame will be locked out of their email address. The following conditions will also apply:

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1. To provide an easy mechanism for remote employees to change their email password, a link will be emailed Monday to a simple webform that ties into our email system.
- Remote employee will be able to change their email passwords instantly through the form after inputting their current password. National employees can either use the form or hold CTRL+ALT+DELETE and click "Change Password" to use the windows interface to change their password. **Remote employees should make note that now the password they use to login to their computer will be different from the password they use for email**
2. Passwords will have to be a minimum of (8) characters with at least (1) capital letter, (1) numeral, and (1) special character. Passwords will have to be changed every 90 days and an email will be sent reminding remote employees of this. Users will not be able to reuse an old password. National employees will receive a reminder through the FedSolutions agent icon.
3. If an employee needs to have their password reset by FedSolutions support for any reason, they will need to provide a verbal password to their phone support team. This password will be provided on Monday. It is imperative this password is not disseminated unnecessarily.
4. In approximately two weeks, AFP will be implementing an email purge policy. Emails older than 90 days will automatically be permanently deleted from the AFP servers. Only a small group of operations individuals are expected to be exempt from this policy. This is an insurance policy to make sure that even if hackers are able to infiltrate one account, there is a limited amount of information that they glean from that account.
5. Contractors not using an AFP computer with the FedSolutions agent will not be allowed a desktop email client (Outlook, Entourage, Thunderbird) - they will only have access through the web OWA interface. This prevents emails from being stored on a computer where we cannot verify if the best security practices are being followed.
6. Only employees and current contractors will be given email addresses. The HR Director must approve all new addresses. The HR Director will also be responsible for doing a weekly audit of email addresses.
7. If you are having trouble coming up with a password, please use the following tool:
<https://www.microsoft.com/security/pc-security/password-checker.aspx>

CHANGES TO YOUR AFP WEBSITE PASSWORD

To change your password on the AFP website: use your login as normal, and then click the "My Account" tab in your admin menu once you are logged in. Then proceed to click the "Edit" tab just below your name in the center of the screen. Your password must use these parameters that follow best practices within the industry:

1. DO NOT MAKE YOUR PASSWORD THE SAME AS YOUR EMAIL PASSWORD (AFP OR PRIVATE ACCOUNTS). Your password for the website and for your email account should be different from each other and ANY OTHER PASSWORD FOR OTHER ACCOUNTS YOU HAVE. If a hacker compromises your personal email or Facebook account, you do not want them to be able to have easy access to the AFP website or your AFP email account.
2. Passwords should be at least 8 characters long, using at least (1) capital letter, (1) number, and (1) special character.

3. Avoid using publicly assessable data such as dates of birth, family names, and other biographical or familial information.
4. Avoid too much repetition of letters or numbers.
5. DO NOT use just one long word that can be found in the dictionary – Brute Force dictionary attacks can easily break those passwords.

Users who do not change their passwords within 48 hours (from Monday, March 7, 2011) will be locked out from the website and have to call Rich Myslinski to have their access reset.

PROVIDE AN IT INVENTORY

Send Erik Telford and Rich Myslinski (newmedia@afphq.org) a list of all microsites, social media accounts, and other online services/accounts you have on behalf of AFP.

1. DO NOT SEND SENSTIVE PASSWORD INFORMATION VIA EMAIL.
2. This list will be compiled to monitor breaches in security so that action can be taken against defacements.
3. Make sure you change passwords on these accounts using the best practices outlined above.

PASSWORD PROTECT YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

You should be vigilant that this group may try to target your phone and take it physically. It is imperative we be prepared for these attacks by password protecting mobile devices

How to password protect a blackberry device

How to password protect an Android device.

How to password protect an iPhone.

FedSolutions can also assist you in this process of password protecting your mobile device.

FedSolutions can be reached at (202) 730-9701.

PASSWORD PROTECTING YOUR LAPTOP

Remote Employees should again note that their login to their computer will stay the same, while their login for their email will change given the previously outlined changes to email passwords

As with phones, laptops may also be targeted. You should also be wary of public WIFI networks (such as those in Starbucks, Hotels, or provided by municipalities) – hackers will be able to use those networks to access your computer's contents.

This working group is currently researching with FedSolutions a patch that will come through the FedSolutions agent that will automatically lock computers after 2 minutes of idle time, or after they have been opened up from hibernating.

Contactors or employees that do not have computers with a FedSolutions agent can call FedSolutions for instructions on how to enable this protection manually through their operating system.

FedSolutions can be reached at (202) 730-9701.

SECURE REMOTE OFFICE IT

For states that have their own offices running a wireless network, make sure your network is secure. It should be using WPA security (DO NOT USE WEP Security), with a password that follows the general guidelines outlined in this document. Unsecure networks will allow hackers access to your network and computer from a distance. Amateur hackers can easily crack networks that use WEP security or have weak passwords, so this is extremely important.

If you'd like to discuss network security in your office, please contact Rich Myslinski at rmyslinski@afphq.org.

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Exhibit 5

From: Tracy Henke
Sent: Mon 8/22/2011 5:20 PM (GMT-00:00)
To: !AIIAFP
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Emergency Plan Preparedness--Start...
Attachments: isc_safe_mail_handling-2007.pdf; Bomb Threat Check List.PDF

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Kamala Harris
Date I'D: _____ Date Adm: _____

All:

Some of you might have already heard that the National office received a bomb threat on the office voice mail last evening. As a result, police were contacted this morning, police requested the office to be evacuated, and the canine bomb unit swept the office. Nothing was found and the building was deemed safe to reenter by the Arlington County Police Department.

This serves as a reminder that certain protocols/practices need to be in place. If a threat is made in voice mail or in person, the first act is to notify the local police. If a threat is left on voice mail please make certain to save the message. Do not delete. Please stay calm and follow all instructions provided by the local public safety authorities. In addition, please find the attached document related to safe mail handling and suspicious packages as well as a bomb threat checklist.

Please feel free to contact myself or Heather with any questions.

Tracy

Exhibit 6

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - WESTERN DIVISION
HONORABLE MANUEL L. REAL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE PRESIDING

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF TRIAL PROCEEDINGS

COURT TRIAL - DAY ONE

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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1 ALSO PRESENT:

2 SCOTT DUVAL
3 EMILY GARGIULO

1 Q And from there?

2 A I was promoted to chief operating officer in 2013, and
3 then again promoted in 2015 to chief executive officer.

4 Q And what is your role, Mr. Hilgemann, as CEO?

5 A I help set the mission/vision goals and strategy of the
6 organization, as well as have interaction with a group of
7 high-profile donors to help fundraise for our efforts.

8 Q And so you do interact with the Foundation's donors?

9 A Yes, I do.

10 Q And roughly about how many, sir?

11 A About 40 to 50 are in my portfolio.

12 Q And has there been turnover from time to time in that
13 portfolio?

14 A There is. Consistently probably 20 to 30 of those folks
15 stem from my relationships in Wisconsin.

16 Q And what is the nature of your interactions with those
17 donors, sir?

18 A I talk to them regularly about our mission, our vision,
19 our goals and our objectives, as well as understanding what
20 their interests are, to partner them with investments in our
21 capabilities.

22 Q And do you meet with them face-to-face?

23 A I do.

24 Q And do you chat in other ways with them?

25 A Yeah. I have a regular communication with them through

1 phone, through e-mail, through other various ways.

2 Q And can you describe the content of your typical
3 communications with them and what they say to you?

4 A Sure. A lot of the communications are around, again, the
5 mission, goals, objectives, some of the accomplishments that
6 we've seen at the Foundation. One of the topics that often
7 comes up is their confidentiality.

8 Q And that's a concern that they raise, the donors, with
9 you?

10 A Yes, especially prospective donors and currently the
11 donors who have that concern.

12 Q And how do you address that Mr. Hilgemann?

13 A I stress the importance and the systems protocols that we
14 have in place to make sure that their anonymity is something
15 that we see as one of our top priorities for partnerships with
16 our donors.

17 Q And what are the practices that the Foundation does put in
18 place regarding that anonymity?

19 A So we have very limited exposure to the names, identities
20 and interests of those donors. It's something that we take
21 very serious precautions to prevent being leaked or being
22 discussed outside of a small group of people internally. We
23 also stress the importance with all of our employees of keeping
24 that confidentiality as something that is a top priority, not
25 just within the institution but outwardly as well.

1 Q And you personally as CEO, is that something that you do
2 and undertake?

3 A Yes, absolutely.

4 Q In what ways?

5 A Again, it's something that, you know, we -- I rarely have
6 access to a full list of our donors. It is a very small group
7 of people, again, that I operate with or communicate with. And
8 I can honestly say that as CEO for the last year and a half,
9 I've yet to see a full list of our donors.

10 Q Okay. And why is, as CEO, protecting that donor
11 information so important to you and the organization?

12 A Because they really are the lifeblood of our organization.
13 We are a donor-driven institution that receives donations
14 across the board. And again, they are the folks that keep the
15 lights on and the machines going.

16 Q And so when these conversations come up about anonymity
17 with donors, what do you specifically tell them?

18 A I walk them through the process and the priority that we
19 place on it; that each one of the dollars that they invest with
20 us is something we see as our duty and an expectation from them
21 to make sure that we keep their identities secret; and that
22 it's not something that is broadly shared in the institution.

23 Q Now, sir, as CEO, are you familiar with the Schedule B
24 Form 990?

25 A Yes, I am.

1 Q And what is that?

2 A It is an IRS document that we share that lists the names
3 of our top donors to our foundation.

4 Q And have you ever discussed, you yourself, Schedule B with
5 donors?

6 A Yes, I have.

7 Q And in what context?

8 A Just a couple weeks ago -- this is a conversation that
9 comes up quite frequently -- but they referenced this case. I
10 was at an event, invite-only event in Utah, multiple donors who
11 were first-time attendees at an AFP Foundation event. One of
12 them asked specifically about this case and the priority we
13 were placing on keeping the names of our donors private.

14 Q And what did you say to the donors?

15 A Again, I explained to them the importance and the priority
16 that we place on that information; that it is not only an
17 expectation, but it's also a process and protocol situation
18 that we constantly and consistently are looking to keep those
19 things private.

20 Q And has the donor who asked the question about the
21 litigation contributed to the foundation to date?

22 A No.

23 Q How have donors expressed to you their concerns about
24 appearing on Schedule B, if at all?

25 A It's something that comes up quite frequently. Again,

1 with the leaks that we've seen at the IRS, groups like ours
2 being targeted, individuals being targeted by government
3 entities, it's a concern that's always on their mind. And I
4 think the biggest concern that I've seen is from the donor
5 group that I had interactions with in Wisconsin where a group
6 of those folks were targeted by the opposition who were outed
7 and were boycotted; their businesses were boycotted. There
8 were personal threats that were lobbied against themselves,
9 their businesses and their employees.

10 Q And in what ways were they outed, sir?

11 A It was something that the opposition had pulled together a
12 list of suspected donors to the Foundation because of their
13 interactions with groups like ours in the past that had been
14 publicized. They boycotted their businesses. They made
15 personal and private threats against them, their families and
16 their businesses and their employees.

17 Q And was this in a certain geographic location?

18 A It was. It was localized to generally across the state of
19 Wisconsin folks that they had, again, believed were supporters
20 of the AFP Foundation.

21 Q And what time frame was that?

22 A That was approximately in 2012.

23 Q Do you know, sir, of instances where purported donors of
24 the Foundation have actually been identified publicly beyond
25 this instance that you just described?

1 A Yes. There was a National Law Journal story that came out
2 in 2012 or 2013 when I was chief operating officer of AFP
3 Foundation that listed the names of multiple top donors,
4 including the amounts of money that they had given our
5 organization.

6 Q And, Mr. Hilgemann, I think there's a binder -- or if
7 somebody can ask -- the binder there.

8 MR. FORST: Your Honor, I also believe that you have
9 a witness binder for Mr. Hilgemann.

10 THE COURT: Yes, I do.

11 MR. FORST: Okay, great.

12 Q (BY MR. FORST) Mr. Hilgemann, if you can turn to the
13 first tab in your binder, which should be labeled Exhibit
14 Number 396. Do you recognize that document?

15 A Yes, I do.

16 Q And what is it?

17 A The story that I referenced about one of our Schedule Bs
18 that a reporter had received and outed the names of multiple
19 donors to our Foundation.

20 Q And do you recall reading it at the time?

21 A I do.

22 Q And discussing it within the Foundation?

23 A Yes, I do.

24 MR. FORST: Your Honor, we would respectfully move
25 Exhibit Number 396 for admission into evidence.

1 where we had about 4- or 500 of our activists who were with us
2 that day talking about the importance of limited government and
3 lowering taxes for citizens in that state. And I was giving a
4 speech at the time, and there were several thousand protesters
5 that had surrounded that event that were chanting, making
6 threats at our activists and myself. And shortly after I got
7 done speaking that day, I walked off the podium to go and greet
8 my parents who were also a part of the event that day. And
9 there was a protester that approached me, made multiple slurs
10 and, you know, used some foul language to describe his thoughts
11 of me and what we were doing.

12 And I -- I was talking to my parents and tried to grab
13 them and move them away from the situation. As I turned back
14 around, he spit in my face and called me a bunch of other
15 names.

16 Q And what'd you do in response?

17 A I -- at that point I wanted to deescalate the situation as
18 much as possible, so I wiped the spit off my face, grabbed my
19 dad, because I was concerned that he was going to, you know,
20 retaliate for what had been done, and move him away from that
21 situation.

22 Q So beyond these two events in Wisconsin that you've now
23 described, are there other events that stand out from your time
24 in the Foundation?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And what are those?

2 A There was an event in 2000 -- late 2012 that was revolving
3 around the Right to Work conversation or that was being had in
4 Michigan. And I was asked, as state director in Wisconsin at
5 the time, to come over and speak to the activists in Michigan
6 about the experiences we had with a similar type of policy
7 engagement.

8 Q And so how was that event set up on the grounds of
9 Michigan?

10 A There was --

11 MS. GORDON: Objection, Your Honor. Lacks
12 foundation. My belief is this is actually a (c)(4) event, and
13 it is irrelevant to the current action. The (c)(4) is a
14 separate legal entity that is not a party in this action.

15 THE COURT: The objection is overruled.

16 Q (BY MR. FORST) And so again, Mr. Hilgemann, the question
17 I posed was, what was -- how was the event set up on the
18 grounds in Michigan?

19 A There was an events tent that was set up for kind of a
20 rallying point for our activists who were joining us at the
21 capitol that day. We were encouraging them to go and speak to
22 their legislators about our support for Right to Work
23 legislation that was being considered in the legislature. So
24 it was an events tent. We had multiple speakers that were a
25 part of that event. We also had refreshments in the tent for

1 our activists.

2 Q And how many activists attended?

3 A I think there was probably about 60 to 70 folks at the
4 height of our gathering, and then it was disbursed throughout
5 the day as they were going to speak with their legislators.

6 Q And were there even non-AFP activists or AFP activists
7 there?

8 A Yes. There were thousands of pro-union protesters who
9 were also on the capitol grounds that day.

10 Q And where were those protesters located?

11 A They were -- I mean, it was a large crowd, so they were
12 kind of taking over the whole capitol grounds. But there were
13 several hundred of them that had surrounded our tent and were
14 trying to shut us down, intimidate us, intimidate our
15 activists.

16 Q And did the protesters do anything else?

17 A They did. At one point I remember standing outside of the
18 tent and seeing multiple protesters approach with knives or
19 box-cutters cutting at the ropes of the tent, trying to
20 collapse the tent.

21 Q And did they, in fact, collapse the tent?

22 A They did.

23 Q And do you recall hearing anything else from the
24 protesters?

25 A Yeah. There was -- shortly after they had cut the ropes

1 and collapsed the tent, there were actually people that were
2 left inside of the tent, multiple activists, probably more than
3 a dozen, including some of our elderly activists who couldn't
4 get into the capitol because of their limitations. And so I --
5 as soon as the tent was collapsed, I remember going over to the
6 side, because I could see the people underneath it, lifting up
7 the tent, trying to pull them out to safety.

8 Q And did you take video recording of that event?

9 A I did. I was actually using my cell phone to take video
10 of the protesters before they were cutting at the ropes and
11 making sure we had evidence of that.

12 Q And have you otherwise watched footage of that event as
13 you recall seeing it?

14 A Yes, I do.

15 Q Did you watch it contemporaneously, what happened,
16 afterwards?

17 A I did. I watched it that day.

18 Q Mr. Hilgemann, if you turn to the second tab in your
19 binder, which is Exhibit 380.

20 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Exhibit 380 is identified and
21 placed before the witness.

22 Q (BY MR. FORST) Are you there?

23 A I am.

24 Q And do you recognize what's on this document?

25 A I do.

1 Q And what is it?

2 A It's a recorded video of the protesters collapsing our
3 tent and destroying our property during that rally.

4 Q And do you recall watching that video?

5 A I do.

6 MR. FORST: With Your Honor's permission, it's a
7 very short video, we would like to play that.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 MS. GORDON: We object for lack of foundation and
10 authentication and that this video was not produced during
11 discovery.

12 THE COURT: The objection is overruled.

13 (Exhibit 380 played in open court.)

14 THE COURT: I think that's enough, Counsel.

15 Q (BY MR. FORST) Now, Mr. Hilgemann, does that video
16 accurately reflect what happened as you witnessed it?

17 A It does.

18 Q I didn't see any police in this video. Were there any
19 present?

20 A Not at that point in time.

21 Q And so did they arrive at any point in time?

22 A They did. When I witnessed the protesters starting to cut
23 at the ropes, I sent one of our other staff members to try and
24 seek law enforcement's help, and it took approximately 30 to 40
25 minutes after they had actually collapsed the tent for law

1 enforcement to show up on scene.

2 Q And were there any non-AFP-injured -- people injured, if
3 you know?

4 A There were. Amongst our -- again, the activists that I
5 discussed were under the tent when it collapsed. I do remember
6 seeing a Fox News contributor at the time, who was among one of
7 the groups of people that were sheltering away from the
8 situation, who had blood on his face.

9 Q And when did you see him?

10 A It was shortly after the tent had collapsed.

11 Q And do you have any understanding of what happened to him?

12 A Yeah. I found out later that day, through the news that I
13 had watched, that he had actually been punched or assaulted by
14 one of the protesters.

15 Q And you recall watching that news footage that same day?

16 A I do.

17 Q If you turn to the next tab in your binder, sir, it's
18 Exhibit Number 573.

19 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Exhibit Number 573 is
20 identified and placed before the witness.

21 Q (BY MR. FORST) Do you recognize what's on that exhibit?

22 A I do.

23 Q And what is it?

24 A It is the news story of that contributor who was attacked
25 or assaulted shortly after the tent collapsed.

1 A And is that the news story that you watched?

2 A Yes, it is.

3 MR. FORST: Your Honor, we would respectfully move
4 Exhibit Number 573 into evidence.

5 MS. GORDON: And Your Honor, we would respectfully
6 object because it lacks foundation and authenticity, and it was
7 not produced during discovery.

8 THE COURT: 573 in evidence.

9 (Exhibit No. 573 received into evidence.)

10 MR. FORST: And we have another video of that, Your
11 Honor. But with your permission, it's another -- about a
12 minute and a half. We can show it or -- I really defer to
13 whether you want to see another video.

14 THE COURT: For what it's worth.

15 MR. FORST: Let's play it.

16 (Exhibit No. 573 played in open court.)

17 THE COURT: That's enough, Counsel.

18 MR. FORST: Now, Your Honor, I think I forgot
19 actually to formally request that Exhibit 380, the video
20 before, be moved into evidence. I just want to make that
21 request now.

22 MS. GORDON: We object, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: 380 in evidence.

24 (Exhibit No. 380 received into evidence.)

25 Q (BY MR. FORST) Now, at this event, Mr. Hilgemann, did you

1 fear for your life?

2 A I did.

3 Q And for others'?

4 A Yes. It was the first instance of many that I've been a
5 part of since my time with the Foundation where I truly feared
6 for the lives of not only myself but our activists, our staff,
7 who were a part of that event. And I think one of the things
8 that's crystal-clear in my mind and one of the things that I'll
9 always remember was the fact that as the tent was going over,
10 the group of the angry protesters was right in front of me as I
11 was trying to pull people out of the tent. And they made the
12 comment that, Let's trample these mother-f'ers.

13 And it was at that point that I realized that lives were
14 in jeopardy; that the level of violence and anger has risen to
15 a point where people's lives were definitely in danger.

16 Q And in your meetings with donors, have they told you that
17 they have seen these events?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And what have those discussions been?

20 MS. GORDON: Objection, hearsay, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: The objection is overruled.

22 THE WITNESS: Other donors are seriously concerned
23 not only for the well-being of our staff and our activists, but
24 they're also concerned that we're taking the proper protocols
25 to protect our staff, our activists, any of our folks who

1 attend similar events in the future.

2 Q (BY MR. FORST) Now, Mr. Hilgemann, are there other
3 personal threats, for example, that you have experienced?

4 A Yes, I have.

5 Q And can you describe it?

6 A The one that I think is most personal to me and, again,
7 the one that's probably most numbing to what I've experienced
8 during my time with the Foundation is in 2013 I was alerted by
9 our security staff that they had received some postings that
10 were made on another liberal blog about someone who was working
11 inside of our institution and making frequent posts about how
12 they were inside the belly of the beast; and that they could --
13 they were right outside of my office; and that they could
14 easily walk in and slit my throat.

15 Q And how did you react to learning that?

16 A Again, it's one of those situations that you don't think
17 you're going to have to endure working in the business that I
18 work in, but it was another one of those frightening moments
19 that unfortunately I had to share with my wife, because the
20 security staff had also told me at the time that the person was
21 found, the actual person who was making those posts was found
22 in our parking garage taking pictures of license plates,
23 including my personal vehicle.

24 Q And what did you and your family do in response?

25 A We considered our options and, again, making sure that we

1 Q And you saw no need to report this to law enforcement;
2 correct?

3 A No. Again, this is something that unfortunately had
4 become pretty much an everyday thing for us during our
5 activities and what we were doing in the course of our work in
6 Wisconsin; that the opposition and the protesters did this on a
7 pretty frequent basis, unfortunately. And it was just another
8 instance that I remember it personally happening to me. So no,
9 I didn't contact law enforcement. They were on the scene, but,
10 again, I wanted to deescalate it and move out of the situation
11 as quickly as possible.

12 Q And by this happening, you mean when you were at public
13 events, this was common that people would protest or say things
14 to you that were disparaging?

15 A Sure. I mean, we held a series of events across the state
16 where we had protesters that would show up at all of those
17 events, and it was the same kind of behavior at each one of
18 them.

19 Q And I believe you said that there are -- you regularly --
20 or it's a regular occurrence when you were in Wisconsin that
21 threatening e-mails or mail would show up at the office; is
22 that correct?

23 A Yes, that is correct.

24 Q And your offices are generally visible, right, to the
25 public?

1 A Yeah. We had field offices that were definitely visible
2 to the public. When I was state director, I worked out of an
3 office that was a block away from the capitol. Less visible
4 than our community-centered offices, but yes.

5 Q And are you aware of any member of your staff in the
6 Wisconsin office donating in excess of \$250,000 to the
7 Foundation?

8 A Not as a member of our staff, but we did have many
9 committed folks who were donors to the institution that took
10 part as activists as well where they were out knocking on
11 doors, making phone calls, helping us spread the message of
12 freedom across the state. So we did have that happen on a
13 pretty regular basis.

14 Q And I also heard you testify that with respect to the
15 disclosure of the 2003 Schedule B, that there can be very
16 serious consequences; correct?

17 A Yeah. I mean, there's no doubt about it, unfortunately.
18 I think that there's an appetite out there from the press and
19 the opposition who are constantly and consistently looking for
20 the names of our donors. And unfortunately, I don't think it's
21 something that they're -- they're looking for that information
22 to give them a badge of honor for being engaged in civil
23 discourse. I think it's more along the lines of them trying to
24 intimidate and attack and cause fear amongst the people who
25 support institutions like ours.

1 Q I understand that, but as CEO, Mr. Hilgemann, you actually
2 now sign the Foundation's IRS Form 990; correct?

3 A Yes, I do.

4 Q And you review it before you sign it; correct?

5 A Yes, I do.

6 Q So you're probably aware, then, that in 2014 the
7 Foundation received close to \$21 million in contributions;
8 correct?

9 A Yes, I believe that's correct.

10 Q And I believe you also would have seen the list of
11 Schedule B donors as a part of this process; correct?

12 A Yes, absolutely.

13 MS. GORDON: I have nothing further for this
14 witness.

15 THE COURT: Redirect?

16 MR. FORST: No questions, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: All right. You may step down.

18 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Call your next witness.

20 MR. BURCK: Thank you. Your Honor, plaintiff calls
21 Mark Holden.

22 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please step forward. Stop
23 right there, turn around. Please raise your right hand.

24 (The witness, MARK VINCENT HOLDEN, was sworn.)

25 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please take a seat. And

Exhibit 7

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - WESTERN DIVISION

3 HONORABLE MANUEL L. REAL

4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE PRESIDING

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6 AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY FOUNDATION,)
7 Plaintiff,)
8 vs.) CASE NO. CV 14-9448-R
9 KAMALA HARRIS, in her Official) Volume II
Capacity as Attorney General of the) (Pages 1 - 116)
10 State of California,)
11 Defendant.)
12 _____)

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21 EMILY GARGUILO

1 North Carolina and the leading daily in the state of North
2 Carolina.

3 Q And was there an article called "The Man Who Would Be
4 King"?

5 A No, there was not. There was an article that day. That
6 was not the title of it.

7 Q Was it about it you, though?

8 A It was about me, and I think it referred to me as a one-
9 man equalizer.

10 Q What -- did it reference anything with respect to the
11 Americans for Prosperity Foundation?

12 A Yes, sir, it did.

13 Q So when you read this you understood this to be a
14 reference to you and Americans for Prosperity Foundation?

15 A Among other things, yes, sir.

16 Q And then Variety Wholesalers, what is that?

17 A Variety Wholesalers, Inc. is my family business.

18 Q Thank you.

19 You can put that aside, please?

20 Now, beyond Mr. Protzman's articles or the articles that
21 appear on his blog, are there other threats that you've
22 received based on your affiliation with the Americans for
23 Prosperity Foundation, as far as you know?

24 A Oh, yes, sir.

25 Q Can you describe? Give us an example of one.

1 A Well, one major one is the following year I was at the
2 Americans for Prosperity Foundation offices in -- I believe
3 it's September of 2011, and Tracy Henke who was our chief
4 operating officer, referred to her as the COO, came to me very
5 upset and concerned, brought to my attention a video of a video
6 game of people killing AFP employees at our offices in
7 Virginia.

8 Q So I'm clear, it's a video of a video game in which AFP
9 employees are being killed, not really killed, just part of the
10 video game?

11 A Correct, it was a part of a video game, yes, sir.

12 Q Can you turn to Trial Exhibit 378, please.

13 A Yes, sir.

14 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: 378 is identified and placed
15 before the witness.

16 (Exhibit 378 for identification.)

17 BY MR. BURCK:

18 Q Mr. Pope, do you recognize that?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Can you just tell us what it is.

21 A It's a screen shot of a YouTube video of the video game.
22 It appears to be the same one that Tracy Henke showed me when I
23 was at the AFP offices in 2011.

24 Q And do you recall actually watching this video with
25 Ms. Henke at the time?

1 A Yes, sir. When Tracy came and talked to me about
2 expressing concerns, I said, "What are you talking about? Show
3 me." So we literally walked to her office, and I literally
4 looked over her shoulder when she played it, and this is what
5 it showed.

6 MR. BURCK: Your Honor, we would offer into evidence
7 Trial Exhibit Number 378.

8 MR. CALIA: We object. It lacks foundation, and it
9 was not produced during discovery.

10 THE COURT: 378 in evidence.

11 (Exhibit 378 received.)

12 MR. BURCK: Your Honor, we have a very brief,
13 20-second clip that we would like to show.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MR. BURCK: Thank you.

16 (Video played in open court.)

17 MR. BURCK: Thank you.

18 Q Now, in that clip, although it's hard to see here, but for
19 the record, there is a banner that says "Americans for
20 Prosperity"?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q And you saw that at the time that you saw the video game?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q And did you think this was a joke?

25 A No, sir. I thought it was horrible.

1 A No, sir, it is not.

2 Q Have you ever denied climate change?

3 A No, sir.

4 Q Does it also mention Americans for Prosperity in this
5 article?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q So again, how did you view this article in terms of how it
8 was portraying you to the world?

9 A Well, I actually served on North Carolina general
10 assembly, and when I was in the legislature, I received a 100
11 positive rating for the 2001 session for the League of
12 Conservation Voters, Conservation Counsel. I was also endorsed
13 by the Sierra Club when I ran for reelection in 2002. I have a
14 very good voting record, public record on environmental issues.

15 This takes that and totally flips it, and makes it look
16 like again, the connotation of global-warming denier with the
17 Holocaust deniers is extremely negative, so it misleads people
18 to what I believe, and it really misleads what the
19 organization -- what they actually do, because Americans for
20 Prosperity, while it addresses -- Americans for Prosperity
21 Foundation, while they address economic issues, including the
22 pros and cons and consequences of a cap-and-trade system or a
23 carbon tax, AFP Foundation has never engaged in -- what the
24 science is on global warming or lack of global warm or climate
25 change.

1 Q Can you take that down?

2 Thank you.

3 Are you aware of any other -- or are you present for any
4 events in which -- for the Americans for Prosperity Foundation
5 or AFP in which you saw acts of violence or threats?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Can you tell us what that was?

8 A In the fall of 2011, I attended the Americans for
9 Prosperity Foundation's Defending the American Dream Summit,
10 and it was an annual summit. It took place in Washington,
11 D.C., and there were protests, attempts to enter the building
12 and disrupt our summit, our dinner, our speakers. And then
13 they changed tactics, and the protesters tried to push and
14 shove and keep people in the building, including myself and
15 many other people that I observed.

16 Q Were you there present for this?

17 A I was there in person, yes, sir.

18 Q And you saw protesters pushing or keeping you in the
19 building?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q You?

22 A I personally could not get out of the building. I was
23 trying to help other people get out of the building as well.

24 Q Do you recall that this event, this protest, received some
25 press coverage?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Just for identification purposes, please take a look at
3 Trial Exhibit 684.

4 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Exhibit 684 is identified and
5 placed before the witness.

6 (Exhibit 684 for identification.)

7 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

8 BY MR. BURCK:

9 Q Do you recognize this?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And can you tell us what it is?

12 A It's a screen shot of a video taken at the protest.

13 Q And what is the title?

14 A "Occupy DC Pushes Grandma Down Stairs."

15 Q What is Occupy DC?

16 A Occupy was the umbrella group or one of the groups that
17 took credit for organizing the protests at the Defending
18 American Dreams Summit.

19 MR. BURCK: Your Honor, we would offer into evidence
20 Trial Exhibit Number 684.

21 MR. CALIA: We have no objection.

22 THE COURT: 684 in evidence.

23 (Exhibit 684 received.)

24 MR. BURCK: Your Honor, we have a very brief clip
25 that we would like to show.

1 (Video played in open court.)

2 BY MR. BURCK:

3 Q Mr. Pope, do you recall seeing that woman on the floor?

4 A No, sir. I personally did not see the woman on the floor.
5 I was elsewhere in the building at that time. And when we
6 were -- "we" being the AFP Foundation were reviewing what
7 happened, what we could do to prevent it, I saw it on the
8 YouTube video after the fact.

9 Q Did you feel personally threatened when you were at this
10 event?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q And did you believe that the people that were there
13 protesting were there in part because of your affiliation with
14 Americans for Prosperity?

15 A The whole event was Americans for Prosperity Foundation
16 event. That's exactly why they were there.

17 Q Do you have any doubt in your mind?

18 A No, I don't have any doubt in my mind, no, sir.

19 Q Now, sir, you said that you did not give for two years --
20 or the foundation did not give for two years, the family
21 foundation did not give for two years to the Americans for
22 Prosperity Foundation.

23 A That's correct, sir.

24 Q Have you ever considered -- but you have since then?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q Have you ever considered stopping funding or providing
2 support to Americans for Prosperity Foundation?

3 A Yes, sir, I have considered it.

4 Q And why?

5 A Well, because of the resulting threats on my life,
6 boycotts on my business. I was having to constantly defend my
7 reputation, what I actually believed in, what I have actually
8 done as an elected legislator. My wife wanted me to keep a
9 lower profile. The people at my business weren't real happy
10 about it. So yes, I did consider not giving any more, trying
11 to give some other way.

12 Q Why have you considered -- why have you continued to give
13 despite these threats?

14 A Well, it's too late. Back in 1986, when we formed the
15 John William Pope Foundation, I knew then that routinely
16 private foundations will list their grantees. And for over 20
17 years that was noncontroversial; no one thought twice about it.
18 As I said earlier, it really started in 2006, it really took
19 off in 2009, 2010, when these grants and what the grants were
20 allegedly used for, historic used for became public and were
21 used to attack me and justify attacks on me, it was already
22 done. The grant history was already out there.

23 And also, once somebody is in a private foundation, then
24 any subsequent donation -- and we had already accumulated funds
25 from gifts and donations and our investments in the foundation,

Exhibit 8

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The image shows a YouTube video player. The main video frame displays a close-up of a person's face, specifically their mouth and nose, with a hand reaching towards it. The video is titled "Occupy DC Pushes Grandma Down Stairs" and is uploaded by "conservARTive's channel". It has 156,152 views. Below the video, the caption reads: "Occupied DC Protesters assaulted conservatives as they exited an Americans For Prosperity 'Tribute to". To the right of the video, there is a sidebar titled "Up next" which lists several other videos related to Occupy DC and conservative protests.

Up next Autoplay

- Occupy DC: Don't Let Those A**holes Leave! conservARTive 4:26 1,000 views
- Occupy DC Attack Victims Interviewed conservARTive 6:01 21,292 views
- Occupy Reality The Amazing Atheist 6:13 204,382 views
- I AM NOT MOVING - Short Film - Occupy Wall Street Bigsteelguy4 7:12 1,145,796 views
- Biggest Raid in Rust History? (Raid Cam) VERTIGO GAMING 22:39 Recommended for you
- AVTM gets an economics lesson at #OccupyDC AdamKokesh 10:01 62,472 views
- Humans Need Not Apply CGP Grey Recommended for you 15:01

Exhibit 684:

“Occupy DC Pushes Grandma Down Stairs,”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgcRlrt2ZL4>

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Exhibit 9

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Exhibit 378:

YouTube video entitled "Tea Party Zombies Must Die Game is Propoganda!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU-wxYML35s>

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Exhibit 10

Christopher Fink
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Capacity as Attorney General
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1 Q. I want to direct your attention to
2 paragraph 5 of the same declaration that's been
3 marked as Exhibit 67.

4 That paragraph begins:

5 "A large portion of our donor base
6 is extremely concerned about having their
7 contributions to the Foundation become public
8 knowledge."

9 Do you see that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. When you say "A large portion of
12 our donor base," are you talking about all
13 donors --

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. -- or specific subset of donors?

16 A. I mean, I'm referring to my
17 experience with the donors I've interacted
18 with. So obviously I have not met with all
19 whatever donors are out there.

20 Q. But you didn't mean to limit this
21 sentence to only those donors who would appear
22 on Schedule B, for example?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And it's a small portion of the
25 overall donor base who would actually appear on

1 Schedule B; isn't that right?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. 10 or fewer people per year?

4 A. Yeah. So up to date, yes.

5 Q. Out of a donor base that is many
6 times that size; correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. When you say "A large portion of
9 the donor base is extremely concerned," how
10 many people have personally told you that they
11 were "extremely concerned" about having their
12 contributions become public?

13 A. I would have to speculate.

14 Q. Well, give us your best estimate of
15 how many donors have -- have told you that
16 specific thing.

17 A. Probably be in the hundreds.

18 And rephrase that to prospective
19 donors and donors. Prospect and donors.
20 Please.

21 Q. How many people have refused to
22 make donations because of this concern?

23 A. I couldn't tell you the exact
24 number.

25 Q. What's your best estimate of people

1 who you tried to recruit to make a contribution
2 and told you, "I'd really love to make a
3 contribution, but I'm not going to because I'm
4 afraid that my contribution may become public"?

5 A. Somewhere between a dozen and a
6 couple dozen.

7 Q. And when you've had that
8 conversation, what did you do next? Do you
9 accept no at face value?

10 A. I try to explain to them that we
11 spend a lot of time, and we are dedicated to
12 keeping your contribution anonymous and that we
13 don't disclose information that's not demanded
14 on us by the law.

15 Q. In response to that type of
16 conversation, have you ever told a donor that
17 if they made the donation through a
18 donor-advised fund, they could assure their
19 anonymity?

20 A. I probably would not say it in
21 those words, no.

22 Q. Would -- would you describe a
23 similar concept using different words?

24 A. Sure. I'm trying to think through
25 conversations I've had.

Exhibit 11

14 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
15 JURY TRIAL - DAY ONE
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2 officials and just in the press, public -- I would call it
3 public bullying, trying to intimidate me.

4 When -- you know, just this last Thanksgiving -- I have
5 nine brothers and sisters. There's ten of us, and my mom is
6 still living. Of my nine brothers and sisters, seven have been
7 audited. Myself and my husband have been audited, and my mom
8 received her audit notice this fall.

9 Q Is that something you hear about from your family?

10 A Yes. My sister-in-laws, two of the audits had closed out,
11 and their comments to me was, "Teresa, do we have you to thank
12 for this?"

13 Q Have any donors specifically expressed concerns about the
14 prospect they have been or they might be subject to organized
15 boycotts?

16 A Yes. As people who are assumed to be donors of ours have
17 been publicly targeted in the press, our chairman of our
18 foundation, David Koch, the, you know, calls for boycotts, the
19 death threats that he faces that are sent to his family, and
20 not just him personally, but his family and his children, the
21 public boycotts for his businesses.

22 There's also our former (c) (4) chairman, Art Pope, who has
23 been targeted in press stories to boycott his business. But
24 then in addition to that, I can give you an example of a donor
25 whose business was targeted by an association, a reputable

1 association in that state. A letter was sent to all the school
2 boards in that state encouraging all the school boards to
3 discontinue awarding this individual's business contracts
4 because of his assumed association with Americans for
5 Prosperity and Americans for Prosperity Foundation.

6 Q Did that in any way impact the donor's continuing
7 association?

8 A That individual reduced his contributions in half, so from
9 \$500,000 annually to 250,000 based on the pressure from his
10 board that remains in place today.

11 Q And as the vice president of state operations, do you play
12 any role in monitoring and responding to threats against the
13 foundation or AFP employees?

14 A I do. If a threat is sent to one of our employees in the
15 state chapters, I am included on the first e-mail that goes to
16 security. So I would be one of the first individuals notified
17 by e-mail or text, and help mitigate those and try and
18 determine how to move forward to ensure that our employees are
19 safe.

20 Q To what extent do such threats arise and get reported to
21 you?

22 A I will just go down the list. There's October of 2015,
23 there's a fire bomb in the dumpster behind our Tennessee
24 headquarters. Our Louisiana office had someone threaten to
25 drive down and ensure that they would no longer be able to come

1 by their house and knock on the doors again. That was a threat
2 deemed credible by our security team. There was a stalking
3 incident in Des Moines. Our Iowa office was broken into.

4 This is just specific threats of violence or physical
5 safety. This doesn't cover the level of bullying that our
6 employees face, so the number of, you know, hateful mail that
7 we receive, the public comments that not only target our
8 employees, but their spouses and their family members, the
9 descriptive voicemails that are left.

10 Q What, if anything, does the foundation do to protect its
11 employees in their offices or in the field?

12 A Our offices -- you know, we are a grass-roots
13 organization, so we want our offices to be accessible to
14 citizens, to the public. So we often look for storefront
15 offices that have good parking, windows across the front, but
16 this also has a security risk with it. So we make certain we
17 have security systems in place in those offices. We are
18 currently getting ready to reassess whether those security
19 systems currently in place in areas of heightened threat are
20 enough, so we reevaluate continuously.

21 We have event checks in place that our employees submit
22 the list of people attending our events in advance to our
23 security team to try and look for individuals who may pose a
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1 the breadth of concern about it, that it was something they
2 didn't take lightly and that they wanted to have exist
3 sometimes more than even in their charitable realm, the
4 political realm as well.

5 Q And, Dr. Schervish, did that conversation, in fact,
6 confirm those things?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Dr. Schervish, did you speak with any of the foundation's
9 donors?

10 A Yes, I did, just -- oh, did I speak with any of them?

11 Q Yes, sir.

12 A Oh, I see. No, I did not speak with any of them, and
13 indeed, I didn't need to at this -- for my expert opinion in
14 this case.

15 Q Why not?

16 A Well, I was happy to find case material that, as I said,
17 already provided me with more information from a broad range of
18 individuals, hundreds of individuals for some of these
19 informants, if not thousands: People that they have spoken to,
20 people that they have spoken in front of, people that they have
21 contacted, people whose names that they know.

22 And what happened in this particular instance, all roads
23 led in the same direction: From my personal interviews with
24 donors and wealth holders to what I heard from the other
25 research paper from the development officers, what I heard in

1 the popular press and in the media about the contentiousness
2 and dangers in our political environment and what I heard from
3 these expert informants and from one donor himself.

4 Q You said they all run in the same way?

5 A Yes.

6 Q What do you mean by that?

7 A The vectors or the arrows all point in the same direction
8 that I have brought together as my expert opinion in this case.

9 Q Does that mean they are all telling a consistent story?

10 A Excuse me. Yes, that's right.

11 Q Based on your experience and work in this case, do the
12 foundation's donors reasonably desire anonymity?

13 A They reasonably desire it. They expect it, not just
14 desire it, and they are extremely cautious to preserve it.

15 Q Dr. Schervish, based on your experience and your work in
16 this case, do the foundation's donors fear disclosure of the
17 foundation's Schedule B -- reasonably fear disclosure of the
18 foundation's Schedule B to the California attorney general?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Why is that?

21 A The nation, as I said, is extremely politicized. The
22 attorney general of California is an elected official. The
23 attorney general is running for a senate seat currently. The
24 situation is one in which people who are hired by the
25 foundation themselves could be highly politicized. The

1 interns, as far as I can see, there is no way to stop a
2 Schedule B from being walked out of the office, put on a thumb
3 drive, e-mailed to somebody. And this is more likely given the
4 youth, the inexperience, perhaps even the rationale for being
5 hired into the attorney general's office in order to get this
6 information.

7 Q Correct. You said they are hired by the foundation?

8 A Excuse me. By the attorney general's office.

9 Q Okay. What, if anything, would donors, in your
10 experience, take from the registry's inability, as we have
11 seen, to keep Schedule B confidential?

12 A I would put two things together: One is their inability
13 to keep it confidential, and the dramatic efforts that are
14 being exerted to get ahold of what is kept in those Schedule
15 Bs, not only in California, but we saw one instance in
16 Massachusetts where this became published, I think in The
17 National Journal. We saw that a donor list was so happily
18 gotten ahold of and published by Mother Jones. This would not
19 only be something that they fear, but there would be groups
20 actively looking for these and searching them out.

21 Q So is it your opinion, Dr. Schervish, that opponents of
22 the foundation would specifically seek out the foundation's
23 Schedule B if they were available?

24 A Yes. They would look for them, and other controversial
25 groups as well.

1 Q For all these reasons that you discussed today,
2 Dr. Schervish, is it your opinion that there would be a
3 chilling effect on the foundation's donors if the foundation's
4 Schedule B was disclosed to the California attorney general?

5 A There would be a chilling effect, in my opinion, and this
6 chilling effect would extend to not only people who have been
7 associated, ceasing to associate, people that are now ceasing
8 to associate or not associate at the same level of intensity or
9 contribution, and it would affect people who had considered or
10 are considering participation in the future.

11 Q I want to quickly break that down a little bit,
12 Dr. Schervish. Is it your opinion -- is it -- you're aware
13 that there is a certain number of donors listed on Schedule B,
14 correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And there are other donors to the foundation that are not
17 listed on Schedule B?

18 A That is correct.

19 Q Is it your opinion that the donors who are actually listed
20 on Schedule B would be chilled with disclosure to the attorney
21 general?

22 A Yes. And I think we heard that the people on -- I don't
23 know myself whether the small number that you said that are on
24 Schedule B are the same people every year, whether they will be
25 the same people in the future. We also don't know whether the